nisation and technological upgradation of their facilities and also conduct research in identified areas.

Sail invites sebi wrath

951. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Financial Express dated the 25th June, 1992 captioned 'SAIL invites SEBI wrath';

(b) if so, whether Government have received any report from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) that SAIL had not gone about its registration in the Stock Exchange in a proper manner;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating whether any written contract existed with SEBI for these details:

(d) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has also taken exception to the SAIL transactions and one of its senior members criticised the SAIL management for making no effort to promote the value of its shares; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to hold full fledged probe by an independent body to enquire into the whole matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. There is no written contract between SEBI and SAIL in the matter.

(d) No formal communication has been received from Planning Commission in this Ministry.

(e) Does not arise.

Incusion of representatives of SC|ST in selection committees

952. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's instructions of August, 1990 for inclusion of representatives of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Minorities in Selection Committees/Boards have been implemented by his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the details of bodies and organisations under his Ministry where the instructions have been implemented;

(c) what are the names of the bodies which have not implemented the instructions and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government/Institutions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Public Sector Undertakings under this Ministry include:

1. Steel Authority of India Limited.

2. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited.

3. Metallurgical & Engineering Consultants (India) Limited.

4. National Mineral Development Corporation Limited.4

5. Bharat Refractories Limited.

6. Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited.

7. Sponge Iron India Limited.

8. Metal Scrap Trade Corporation.

9. Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited.

10. Manganese Ore (India) Limited.

11. Vijayanagar Steel Limited.

12. Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Vijayanagar Steel Plant

953. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the progress made in regard to the Vijayanagar Steel Plant, the foundation of which was laid by late Shrimati Indira Gandhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): Due to resource constraints, the Vijayanagar Steel Project could not be implemented in the public sector. After delicensing of the steel industry in July, 1991, Government of Karnataka was seeking to establish the steel project in collaboration with M/s Essar Gujarat Limited, for which purpose a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) had earlier been signed between the Karnataka State Industrial Investment and Development Corporation Limited and M/s. Essar Gujarat Limited. However, M/s. Essar Gujarat Ltd. have subsequently withdrawn from the MOU.

Production of Steel

954. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing capacity of steel production of SAIL;

(b) what is the normal percentage of utilisation of capacity by the SAIL units;

(c) what is the production of steel in each of these (Bhilai, Durgapur, Rourkela, Bokaro, Vizag and Salem) steel plants in the years, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(d) what is the percentage of utilisation of capacity in each plant in each year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The existing achievable capacity of Saleable Steel for SAIL integrated steel plants (including IISCO) is 8.823 million tonnes.

(b) to (d) A Statement, indicating plant-wise and year-wise production and capacity utilisation of saleable steel in SAIL plants including IISCO and Salem Steel Plant, Alloy Steel Plant and Visveswaraya Iron and Steel Limited is attached.

Statement

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UNIT : '000 Tonnes

Plants	Year	Saleable Steel	
		Actual	% Capacity Utilisation
SAIL	1987-88	6674	86
	1988-89	7261	87
	1989-90	7063	81
	1990-91	7364	84
	1991-92	8028	91